

DELEGATES KELLY, DENNY AND OBERBECK
ARE RIVALS FOR HOUSE SPEAKERSHIP.

REPRESENTATIVES THAT HAVE BEEN CHOSEN BY THE THREE FACTIONS IN THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES TO MAKE THE RACE FOR SPEAKER.

The adjournment of the Municipal Assembly last Tuesday, in compliance with the City Charter, will cause the dissolution of the present organization of the House of Delegates. On April 15, when a new annual session will begin, the House will elect new officers and the new Speaker will appoint new committees.

Following the dissolution of the House, the delegates will be divided into three factions, each of which will elect a Speaker. The delegates are in a chaotic state. Good judges of the situation believe that there is a fair chance for each of the three candidates to be elected.

Mr. Oberbeck is certain of nine votes. Mr. Denny of ten and Mr. Kelly of four, thus leaving five undecided, who would swing either to Mr. Oberbeck or Mr. Denny. A friend of Mr. Oberbeck said that Oberbeck is sure of eleven votes and has been promised the other five.

Both members asserted that Mr. Kelly cannot be re-elected, as he will be unable to conciliate certain Democrats whom Mr. Sweeney succeeded in drawing away from him. The question arises, therefore, in the City Hall whether some of Mr. Kelly's friends will not eventually give their support to Mr. Kelly for the election of Mr. Oberbeck.

It is generally conceded that the contest is between Mr. Denny and Mr. Oberbeck. Mr. Denny's friends claim the following strength: Messrs. Sweeney, Kinney, Denny, Williams, Gazzolo, Howard, Hannigan, Fontana, Buckley and Brennan—10.

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BELIEVES BRITISH
HAVE MILITARY CAMP
IN UNITED STATES

Governor Heard of Louisiana Has Filed Information With the State Department.

LOCATED NEAR NEW ORLEANS.

Used by English to Supply Horses, Mules and War Munitions Against the Boers.

CONFIRMS GENERAL PIERSON.

Burgher Leader Recently Offered to Lead Expedition Against the Boers—Mysterious Explosion on Supply Ship for Africa Never Probed.

Chicago, Ill., April 2.—A special from New Orleans says: Governor Heard of Louisiana has reported to the State Department at Washington that, in his opinion, the British Government is maintaining a military camp within the territory of the United States.

The camp in question is the one located a few miles below this city for the shipment of horses and mules to South Africa, there to be used by British soldiers in the war against the Boers.

Several weeks ago General Pierson, the Boer leader, visited this city and held a conference with the Louisiana State officials. He created no little comment by his public declaration that he was ready to lead a force of armed men to attack the camp. He was not permitted to do this.

Several months ago a British steamer was badly damaged by an explosion while it was being loaded with supplies for the British army in South Africa. It was declared in many quarters at the time that the explosion was the work of Boer sympathizers, but the matter was never investigated.

RESCUED BY A FIREMAN.

Theodore Stoessel May Yet Die From Burns Received.

Fire which destroyed a house in the rear of No. 467 Louisiana avenue at 2 o'clock this morning made of Theodore Stoessel a human torch. He is at the Alexander Brothers' Hospital, so fearfully burned that doctors declare he cannot recover.

Fireman John Finerty, stationed at the House of Refuge, discovered the blaze, and, running to the scene, found Stoessel semi-conscious and making no effort to extinguish the flames which enveloped his body and shot up past his head from his clothing, standing in the yard.

Finerty ran into a near-by stable and obtained a horse blanket. This he threw around Stoessel, but not until the flames had burned deep into the man's flesh. Stoessel slept in the house. It is believed the fire was caused by one of the furnaces. Stoessel could not tell anything of the origin of the flames.

Finerty was on duty at the House of Refuge when he saw the fire. He turned in an alarm before finding Stoessel in the yard with clothing afire.

The house was owned by H. J. Miller. He estimates his damage at \$500.

The flames spread to and destroyed a shed in the rear of K. B. Stucke's home at No. 2425 Montana avenue.

LEADING TOPICS

TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

THE SUN RISES THIS MORNING AT 6:45 AND SETS THIS EVENING AT 6:24. THE MOON RISES TO-MORROW MORNING AT 3:38.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

For St. Louis and vicinity—Generally fair, with rising temperature. Missouri—Fair in north; rain and cooler in south Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

Illinois—Fair in north; rain in south Thursday, Friday, fair; cooler in south. East Texas—Showers Thursday; cooler in north. Friday, fair; cooler in south. West Texas—Fair and cooler Thursday.

1. Face to Face With Railroad Monopoly. 2. Labor Disturbances Are Widespread. Call for Railroads' Fair Subscriptions. 3. Republicans Made Some Bad Records. Democratic Chief in City Elections. 4. Baseball, Turf and Trap Shooting. 5. Franklin County Carried by Hopkins. School Day Romance. 6. Two City Officials Buried. Nicolaus Gives Increased Bond. River Brevities. 7. East Side News. Railway News From All Points. Millionaire's Dual Life Exposed. 8. Editorial. The Stage. Teas and Receptions Make Midweek Merry. 9. News of the City Churches. Bailey and Dewey Exchange Salutes. Henderson's Opposition to Statehood Withdrawn. 10. Republic "Want" Advertisements. Birth, Marriage and Death Records. Real Estate Transfers. 11. Rooms for Rent and Real Estate Advertisements. 12. Quiet Day in Stocks. 13. Markets Close Higher. With Increased Upturn in Wheat Feature of Day's Trading. Bearish Tone in Security Market. 14. Flory as a Light Falls to Dazle. Banquet to Doctor Gregory. No Trace Found of Peter Wising. Newboy "Willie" Was Married.

ORIGINATED THE BATH IN ST. LOUIS SCHOOLS



F. LOUIS SOLDAN.

Superintendent of Schools, who suggested fitting up schoolhouses with bathrooms.

F. Louis Soldan, Superintendent of the city public schools, is authority for the statement that the idea of fitting up schoolhouses with bathrooms was originated by the Shields School, located at No. 1119 North Seventh street, has practically resulted in the evolution of the bathroom into a playground. Now the children in the Shields School take as much delight in the time spent in bathing as they do in the recess hour.

As has been previously stated in The Republic, Mr. Soldan is the originator of the bath idea for public schools and is more

than satisfied with the results from this individual school. It is probable that within the course of the next few months bathrooms for St. Louis public school children will be established in many of the schools, the districts of which are crowded with tenement houses.

Mr. Soldan is more than pleased with his experiment in the Shields School District, and the question of bathrooms in the schools of all downtown districts may be brought up at the next meeting of the Board of Education.

READY FOR BIDS ON
MACHINERY BUILDING

It Will House the World's Fair Electric Light and Power Plant.

CONTAINS 300 FEET OF TRACK.

Traveling Crane Which Will Carry Forty Tons to Be Used for Installing the Machinery.

Working drawings of the Machinery building, which will house the electric light and power plant of the Exposition were delivered yesterday to contractors who intend bidding for the construction. The bids must be in by 3 p. m., April 8, and the building must be finished December 1, 1902.

It is one of the giants of the Exposition, the dimensions being 525 feet by 1,000 feet, and its estimated cost is \$200,000. Widmann, Walsh & Beasler of St. Louis are the designers. One of its marked peculiarities, as distinguished from other buildings of the Exposition group, is that it is crowned by eleven towers. Two of these are of the type known as "scraping elevators" and are 285 feet in the air.

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DEMOCRATIC LEADERS
TO MEET AT BANQUET

Reception Will Be Given April 14 by the Democratic Club of New York.

IN THE INTEREST OF HARMONY.

Former President Cleveland, William Jennings Bryan, W. C. Whitney and Senator Gorman May Speak.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
New York, April 2.—Not to be outdone by its old-time rival, the Manhattan Club, in the effort to bring about harmony in the party in State and nation, the governors of the Democratic club last night decided to hold a reception at the clubhouse on the evening of Monday, April 14, to which many of the most prominent Democrats in the country, irrespective of faction, will be invited.

Among those to whom invitations will be sent are former President Cleveland, William Jennings Bryan, William C. Whitney, former Senator David B. Hill, Senator-elect Gorman of Maryland, John G. Carlisle, Daniel S. Lamont and all the Democratic members of both houses of Congress.

No effort will be spared to obtain the presence of all of these men, and an attempt will be made in the limited time at the disposal of the Board of Governors to outdo the Washington's Birthday affair of the Manhattan Club.

This will be the first time the Democratic club, under its present management, has attempted to exert its influence in the field of State or national affairs. On the contrary, it has been its policy to confine itself to purely local matters.

Bryan, Hill and Cleveland.
Preparations for the reception are in complete, but it is supposed to have a supper. It is hoped that Mr. Bryan and Senator Hill will make speeches, and Mr. Cleveland, if he accepts the invitation, likewise will be urged to deliver an address.

No attempt will be made to surround the affair with formality. Lewis Nixon, Tammany's new leader, suggested the reception and he will give the affair his personal attention. Both Mr. Bryan and former Senator Hill have been in frequent communication with Mr. Nixon, and it is believed he will succeed in inducing both of them to attend.

Mr. Nixon said last night that the themes of the speeches would be left to the speakers, and he would make them, but he believed and hoped all of them would be along the lines of Democratic harmony and abandonment of the theories which have led to dissensions in the past.

Invitations were sent to the men whom the club desires to be present to-day, and within a few days all the arrangements, Mr. Nixon said, would be complete.

GOOD PLACE FOR ST. LOUIS BOY
Walter A. Greer Nominated Assistant Paymaster of Navy.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Washington, April 2.—Walter A. Greer, who was nominated to-day for Assistant Paymaster of the Navy, is a St. Louis boy. For several years he has worked in the Navy Department, and recently has served as confidential clerk and secretary to Secretary Long. Since the latter's decision to retire from the Cabinet, Greer has qualified for the duties of paymaster. He is about 21 years of age, and has a good record in the department.

EMPIRE HOTEL
PARTLY BURNED
---FIREMAN HURT.

Guests Were Panic-Stricken and Some Tried to Jump From Windows, But Were Wounded Rescued by Firemen.

FIREMAN FRANK HENDERSON

HURT IN HEROIC WORK.

The Empire Hotel, at the northeast corner of tenth and Pine streets, was completely gutted by fire this morning at 2:30 o'clock a. m.

Nearly all of the rooms were occupied. There was a wild scramble of the occupants for safety.

Women and men ran to the windows and shouted for help. Several were on the point of jumping and the crowd, which collected in the street, warned them back.

On the arrival of the Fire Department ladders were run up to each of the four stories, and firemen and police performed heroic work in rescuing the panic-stricken occupants.

Patrolmen J. J. Shea and R. E. Rowland were among the first on the ladders, and went through every room to make sure that all of the tenants were out.

Rowland carried two women, who had fainted, down the ladder to safety. The prize fighters, Jack McKenna, Johnnie Reagan and Abe Attell occupied rooms in the hotel, and escaped without the assistance of the firemen.

Fireman Frank Henderson was seriously hurt by falling glass by breaking through a window on the third floor to rescue Miss Clementine Stone.

He successfully carried the young lady to the street in spite of the severe injuries, after which he was removed to the City Hospital, where his condition was pronounced serious.

The hotel was conducted by Mrs. Nora Stone. The damage is estimated at about \$10,000.

Of the forty persons in the building at the time nearly every one had thrilling and narrow escapes.

GRAND ARMY ENCAMPMENT.
Annual Meeting of Department of Missouri Begins May 13.

The twenty-first annual encampment of the Department of Missouri, G. A. R., will be held at Cape Girardeau, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m. May 13. An entertainment will be given at the opera-house in the evening and the veterans will hold a camp fire in the Court House Square at the same time. Commander-in-Chief Eli Torrance will be at the first day's meeting.

The Council of Administration has elected Anthony Rossini of Post No. 1 to the vacancy on that board caused by the death of Henry Weiland.

NEW MINISTER TO LIBERIA.
Negro Republicans Give Reception to Doctor Crossland.

The negro Republicans of St. Louis tendered a reception to Doctor J. R. A. Crossland of St. Joseph, the newly appointed Minister to Liberia, at the St. Louis Republican Club yesterday. Doctor Crossland departed in the evening for Washington, where he will report for duty and probably will sail for Europe in a few days.

Doctor Crossland was for a number of years connected with the Health Department of St. Joseph and at present is commissioner at large of the State Central Committee and also president of the Negro Republican League of Missouri.

Accepted New Jersey Call.
REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Terre Haute, Ind., April 2.—The Reverend C. D. Cass, pastor of the First Baptist Church, has accepted a call to Mount Clara, N. J.

FATHER SEES CHILD
RUN DOWN BY CAR

Oscar Stout, Powerless to Aid His Little One, Witnesses Perhaps Fatal Accident.

DROGGED ABOUT 100 FEET.

Gathered Crushed Form in His Arms and Carried It to a Near-By Drug Store—Motorman Arrested.

Powerless to aid his four-year-old baby girl, Nellie, Oscar Stout stood on the corner of Twentieth street and Franklin avenue last evening and watched her being knocked down, dragged more than a hundred feet and perhaps fatally injured by a Transit Company car.

Made happy by the permission from her mother to meet her father, who had crossed Franklin avenue to purchase meat for their evening meal, little Nellie ran from their home at No. 1229 Franklin avenue. She did not notice a west-bound Easton avenue car No. 126 with Motorman Albert Thompson at the controls—she saw only her father, whom she had gone out to meet, across the street.

Motorman and parent saw the little girl dash out upon the street when it was too late to save her. "Papa," she cried, "fully as she reached the edge of the sidewalk and, stepping down, started across the street."

Thompson threw his weight on the brake lever, but the car dashed forward. He dropped the fender, but it dragged the child and her little head was dashed against the cobble stones.

On the sidewalk the father stood, spell-bound. His child was being dragged to her death, but he could do nothing to aid her. When the car finally was stopped Mr. Stout gathered the crushed form in his arms and carried the unconscious baby girl into the office of Doctor Spangler, No. 207 Franklin avenue. "Her skull is fractured and she is internally injured," said the man of medicine, after an examination. "I fear she will not recover."

Neighbors informed Mrs. Stout that the happy baby who had left her but fifteen minutes before was hurt. Others called an ambulance, and father and mother went to the City Hospital with the little one. Here Doctor Nietert also said the child's injuries would prove fatal.

Motorman Thompson was arrested, but his explanation to Captain Boyd of the Fourth District showed that he is blameless, and he left the police station, tears streaming from his eyes. He lives at No. 2077 Lawton avenue.

MEXICO MENACED BY AMERICA.
SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC.
Buenos Ayres, Argentina, April 2.—(Copy-right, 1902.)—El Diario has published an interview with Senor Varela Ortiz, formerly secretary of the Argentine delegation at the Pan American Congress, about the general situation in Mexico.

He is quoted as saying: "The independence of Mexico is seriously endangered by the influence of the United States. American capital is dominating the country, as all the big concerns, such as railways and banks, are managed by Americans."

WANTED SONS PLACED
IN HOUSE OF REFUGE

Anton Mosner, an Employee of the Health Department, Rebuked by Mayor Wells.

CHILDREN'S PARENTS DIVORCED

Mosner Says He Wished to Provide a Home for His Boys and Offered to Pay for Their Care.

Anton J. Mosner of No. 1309 Arsenal street, a fumigator in the Health Department, who is divorced from his wife, applied yesterday at the Mayor's office to have his three young sons placed in the House of Refuge.

The boys, all bright-looking little fellows, were with the father.

While he was talking to Secretary McConkey about the matter, Mayor Wells came out of his office, and the case, briefly stated, was placed before him:

"What are you paid?" asked the Mayor, abruptly.

"Seventy-five dollars a month in the Health Department," replied Mosner.

"And you are paid \$15 by the city and can't support those children?" queried the Mayor.

Mosner flushed, and attempted to explain, saying that he had been sick and unable to care for the boys.

"If it were not for those little boys," said the Mayor, "you'd lose your job in the city's employ to-morrow."

Mayor Wells walked from the office, and soon after Mosner and his children left the City Hall.

When seen last night at his boarding place, No. 1309 Arsenal street, Mosner said that he was at his wife's end to find a home for his sons. "My wife and I are divorced and the children cannot go to her. I have tried several institutions, but could not make an arrangement within my means. Last Thursday I went to the Board of Managers of the House of Refuge and agreed to pay \$20 a month for the board of the boys at that place, where I understood they would be cared for, and kept away from bad influences. I was told that the Mayor should pass on the case before action could be taken."

The lads are Roy, Willie and Freddie, 8, 8 and 10 years old respectively. They are now staying at the home of their mother's father, Dick Hendricks, No. 1229 Cherokee street. Hendricks said last night that he did not want to board the boys any longer. Freddie, the oldest, appeared to be a cheerful lad, and announced his ambition to be an artist. He showed several crude sketches to a Republic reporter, and said he wanted to live in some home where he would be taught how to draw.

WHEELING'S BRIBERY SCANDAL.
Ten City Councilmen Indicted for Conspiracy to Sell Votes.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Wheeling, W. Va., April 2.—After a week's investigation, the Grand Jury to-day indicted the following City Councilmen on a charge of being in an oath-bound conspiracy to sell their votes to the highest bidder in a fight for a street railway franchise: Jesse Shafer, R. F. Hill, Philip Maurer, George Weisner, James Marshall, Eugene St. Myers, Edward Plant, Joseph Weidner, A. E. Schoelke and George Ackerman.

President Henry Schumacher of the City Railway Company swore that they demanded \$50,000 from him. The jury indicted Chief Robert Cline of the Fire Department, who, Councilman Shafer said, had offered him a \$25,000 bribe. All professions are represented in the indictments.

"FACE TO FACE WITH
RAILROAD MONOPOLY."

Interstate Commerce Commissioner Prouty Sounds Warning in Speech at Chicago.

COMPETITION IS ELIMINATED

Regulation of Tariffs by the Government, It Is Declared, Is the Only Adequate Remedy Available.

Chicago, April 2.—Two hundred members of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association and their invited guests, were present at the banquet of the organization which was held this evening.

The programme called for but one speech, which was delivered by Interstate Commerce Commissioner Charles A. Prouty of St. Louis City. The subject of Commissioner Prouty's address is "The Cause of the Steady Advance in Freight Rates."

Charles H. Deere of Moline presided at the banquet, and introduced Commissioner Prouty in a neat address. Commissioner Prouty, in the course of his speech, said: "Monopoly has been odious in all ages because it discriminates, but because it tortures. We are face to face with railroad monopoly."

"As I see it, the reason is this; because various processes there is being eliminated from the railway operations of the United States the factor of railway competition. 'If competition has been the regulator of railway rates in the past, and that competition is fast becoming a vanishing quantity, what is the remedy? The natural answer is, compel competition by law, prohibit combinations by statute."

"The Northern Securities Company is dissolved; if it be an illegal institution certainly ought to be. But what has been gained by its dissolution? A little over-valuation has perhaps been blotted out. The Great Northern and the Northern Pacific railroads are still owned by the same men. They are free in fact, and amount of legislation can ever compel them to fight like enemies."

"If the owners of railway property are free to say what shall be charged for service of transportation, they will in long run rob the public. No amount of sophistry can disguise it. Such a condition is against common sense, common experience and common decency."

"What, then, is the remedy? 'The railway is a public servant. Rates are subject to public regulation. Government not only may, but should compel the charging of just and reasonable tariffs. That remedy is perfectly adequate perfectly just and perfectly capable of application. It is the only remedy."

After Commissioner Prouty's address there was a general discussion of the subject which he had advanced and interesting speeches were made by several members of the organization.

MARTHA WASHINGTON'S HEAD
MAY GRACE POSTAGE STAMPS
Washington, April 2.—The Post-Office Department has under consideration the question of placing on one of the postage stamps of the new issue the head of some woman who is connected with the history of the country. No particular person has been decided upon, although there is no doubt that Martha Washington will be the woman so honored. The will be the first recognition of woman upon any of the Government's curricula issued by that department.